

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance. Councilman Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent and County Attorney Leigh Morning were absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 9, 2012 were approved as presented on a motion by Warren Norris, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

Phil Caviness, Prosecutor, informed the council that IV-D Attorney Grant Reeves has given notice. Caviness explained the situation of the replacement of the position and that the person would be paid from IV-D funds. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the funding of the position contingent on approval of the commissioners. Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson, Clerk, approached the council with a proposal to replace the support deputy and bookkeeper within the Clerk's office.

Richardson reported that the Commissioners have given approval to the proposal. Support Deputy Connie Cameron will be leaving August 2, 2012. The position will require two (2) to three (3) weeks training.

Bookkeeper Rachael Webster will be leaving at the end of October. The position will also require two (2) to three (3) weeks training.

The current vacant deputy appropriation will be used for the new hired support deputy replacement for training and through the end of the year.

The remaining balance of the current support deputy appropriation would be utilized to pay the current bookkeeper while training the new hired bookkeeper replacement.

Richardson finished by informing the council she was reducing the staff from eight deputies to seven for the 2013 budget year.

Janet Kile made the motion to approve Richardson's proposal. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported that he had a part time jailer began and also quit during fair week. Ryan Morrow is the new hired replacement. Bruce Levi made the motion to authorize the hiring. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood reported forty-four (44) inmates are currently incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Sherwood discussed the Code Red Reverse One Contract. County Attorney Leigh Morning was able to renegotiate a two (2) year contract of \$8,950.00 and save the county \$6,050.00

The new rifles have been issued to the department.

The Interlocal Animal Control agreement is still being reviewed and discussed. The vehicle has not yet been turned over to the city.

Friday, June 29, 2012 the weather antenna tower located on the jail roof was blown off the tower and this affected the main sheriff's frequency. There is \$1,000.00 insurance deductible. Sherwood noted that he does not have the funds in his budget to cover the deductible and he has already discussed this with the auditor.

Sherwood reported that fuel prices are down considerably. Bids will be open July 16.

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the transfer of \$45.34 from K-9 Maintenance (224-1000-3-1) into K-9 Supplies (224-1000-2-1). Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT (A.D.A.)

Kate Singleton, ADA C reported that the consultants who will be making the proposals will begin their inspections of the courthouse and jail. The county will need funds in place for next year. The county must write our own plan.

The ADA committee will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 21, 2012. It will begin at 7:00 pm.

E.I.D.D.

Bob Bridges reported that traffic counts are being conducted on the county highways.

E.C.D.C.

Bob Bridges reported that there is interest in Rush County again.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE –CITY

Janet Kile and Norman Winkler both volunteered to serve on the ambulance committee.

Chuck Jenkins noted that the commissioners need to make their appointment during their July 16, 2012 meeting. Mayor Pavey will call a committee meeting following this appointment.

The committee will return to the council with a recommendation.

Jenkins was informed that the county will need a contract in place by January 1, 2013. The budget process is in September. Jenkins was encouraged to get in as many committee meetings as possible.

LCC

Deborah Adams, Auditor, reported that communication has been received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute that the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana has reviewed and approved the county's Comprehensive Community Plan update.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, reported that the walls of the former White Felt building are currently being torn down. R.L. Coon is contracted for the project.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Deborah Adams reported that the City of Rushville has notified her that there is no *excess assessed value* for 2012 pay 2013.

PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Gerald Mohr, Councilman, reported that the Partners for Progress has assigned sub-committees and are currently looking for grants. If anyone has interest on being involved sub-committees they should contact Jason Clemmons.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Norman Winkler. Janet Kile seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>
Gerald Mohr, Chairman	Warren Norris	Norman Winkler

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/KevinSpilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor